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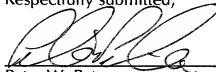
30. Applicants have canceled claims 1-21, 23-25, which are no longer applicable to this continuation application.

Applicants believe the present invention as presently claimed is novel and unobvious over the prior art references heretofore brought to light and discussed in the parent application.

Applicants believe the present invention as claimed in claim 27, including the claim language of, "having a longitudinal coefficient of thermal expansion of about $-0.5 \times 10^{-6} \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ to about $0.10 \times 10^{-6} \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ measured from about 25 to about 200°C ", provides distinct and unobvious subject matter over the prior art references heretofore brought to light. Further, Applicants believe that claims 22, 26 and 28-30 are also distinct and unobvious over the above-identified prior art references, particularly in the claim language including "substantially single mono-filaments."

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the instant application is in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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